

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the October 19, 2006 Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 3 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant herein has rewritten claim 3 in independent form in order to simplify issues for appeal, and accordingly respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the amendment into the record.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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